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MAY -7 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Commission

FROM:

Lawrence M. Noble

General Counsel

RE:

Withdrawal and Resubmission of General Counsel's Memorandum

On April 24, 1998, this Office circulated a General Counsel's Memorandum regarding the Commission's use of documents obtained from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. This Office intended to have the Commission consider the Memorandum at its April 28, 1998 Executive Session. In light of the cancellation of that Executive Session and the cancellation of the May 12, 1998 Executive Session, this Office now withdraws the Memorandum. Instead, pursuant to the Circulated Vote Provisions of Directive 52, the Office of the General Counsel is circulating the Memorandum on a 24 hour tally vote basis.

Attachment



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TO: The Commission

FROM: Lawrence M. Noble

General Counsel

RE: Letter to Senate Governmental Affairs Committee

Attached for the Commission's approval is a letter to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee regarding the Commission's use of documents obtained from the Committee. Last month this Office updated the Commission on our contacts with the Committee regarding materials gathered during its investigation. See the March 13, 1998 Memo to the Commission (Agenda Document X98-21). Subsequently, staff of this Office reviewed Committee materials and had a large volume copied. Under Senate rules, the Commission may make limited use of such materials, pending a Senate Resolution to grant broader use. The attached letter is designed to bring about the Resolution via a request from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. We have been advised that such Resolutions are routine.

Recommendation

Approve the attached letter.

Attachment Proposed letter

Because this Office intends to review and copy additional Committee documents, we may need to request a second Resolution.